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STATEMENT BY SACPLAN APRIL 2022 FLOODS- KWAZULU-NATAL, SOUTH AFRICA

The province of KwaZulu-Natal was ravaged by severe floods from the 11-13 April 2022. The media have reported these floods as the worst the province has seen with the loss of lives climbing each day and getting very close to the 500 mark. There has also been a tremendous loss to property, business, infrastructure and the natural environment.

As the South African Council for Planners (SACPLAN) we wish to express our heartfelt condolences to the people of KZN for their loss and we pledge our support as the sector to contribute to the rebuilding of the province. We believe as SACPLAN that our members have the necessary skills sets and capabilities to contribute to the rebuilding of the province. Members of SACPLAN are called upon to avail themselves to provide support wherever possible and where they have been requested to do so. As the province continues to undertake their assessment relating to the damages caused by the floods, Planners are encouraged to avail themselves and their expert knowledge wherever possible. Members can indicate their availability directly with the CEO of SACPLAN by emailing mlewis@sacplan.co.za. Let us take this opportunity to join hands, our country needs us now!

The long-term impact of these floods on the built environment and its management is huge. We urgently need a reflective engagement on how as a country we have managed the built environment in the post-Apartheid South Africa. This is more so if we consider all the predictions of the impact of climate change on our country in general as well as its eastern seaboard. We trust that this engagement can happen sooner as some of the decisions will assist greatly even in the short-term responses dealing with the aftermath of the recent disaster.

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